



*Tentative* 2011 Calendar of Events – [www.fws.gov/carolinasandhills](http://www.fws.gov/carolinasandhills)

Thursday, February 24, 2011 – Annual Meeting of the Membership, Friends of Carolina Sandhills NWR, 6:30pm, Refuge Headquarters. Liz Osier, Biologist with the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources will speak about the Department of Natural Resources and how it serves the citizens, how they coordinate with refuge and local citizens, and how their current project - a stream survey - is going. We will also elect two vacant Board positions. Light refreshments will be served. Bring a friend and enjoy a time of conversation with other citizens interested in conservation. This is our only spring indoor meeting.

Thursday, March 24, 2011 – Board of Directors Meeting, 6:30pm, Refuge Headquarters, election of officers, “Kick-off” planning for Fishing Derby.



Friday, April 1, 2011 – Planet Prowl, 7:30-9:30pm, meet at Lake Bee Recreation Area. Travel from Lake Bee to the Oxpen via a cotton wagon, spotlighting for nocturnal wildlife along the way. At the Oxpen, disembark and enjoy the night sky as seen through telescopes. Highlights of the night sky include the thin crescent of the Moon, the Orion Nebula, a pair of galaxies in Ursa Major, and the Bee Hive star cluster. Participants will then return to Lake Bee by 9:30pm.



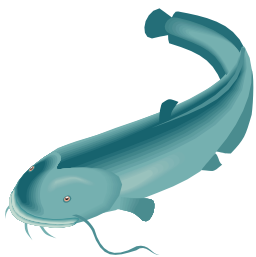
Saturday, April 9, 2011 – Booth at Earth Day Event, 10:00am-3:00pm, Kalmia Gardens. Please let Lyne know what time you can work ([allyne\\_askins@fws.gov](mailto:allyne_askins@fws.gov)).



Saturday, April 16, 2011 – Friends Spring Fling event for families, 10:00am – 1:00pm, Lake Bee Recreation Area. Adults will be led on a nature hike with *Invited* Dr. George Sawyer, Director Emeritus of Kalmia Gardens while children enjoy nature-themed crafts followed by hot dogs and fixings. RSVP by April 13 to [crosswordkay@aol.com](mailto:crosswordkay@aol.com) or call Kay at 843/250-0427.



Saturday, May 7, 2011 – Birding Boot Camp, 8:30am-noon, Refuge Headquarters and afield. Led by Dr. Bill Alexander and Kay McCutcheon. RSVP by May 5 to [crosswordkay@aol.com](mailto:crosswordkay@aol.com) or call Kay at 843/250-0427.



Thursday, May 26, 2011 - Board of Directors Meeting, 6:30pm, Refuge Headquarters, planning for Fishing Derby.

Saturday, June 11, 2011 – Third Annual Youth Fishing Derby, 8:30-11:00am followed by cookout lunch at Lake Bee Recreation Area.

Thursday, August 25, 2011 - Board of Directors Meeting, 6:30pm, Refuge Headquarters, planning for fall activities.



Thursday, September 22, 2011 – Friends Meeting featuring TJ Severeno and Dr. Jim Frederick, Clemson Extension to talk about Native Warm Season Grasses and Biofuels Production in South Carolina, 6:30pm, Refuge Headquarters, light refreshments to be served.



Saturday, October 15, 2011 – Nature Walk - join us in celebration of National Wildlife Refuge Week as we observe birds, fall wildflowers and butterflies, 9:00a.m.-noon. Leader & Location TBA.

Thursday, November 17, 2011 - Friends Meeting featuring Dan Hill, Assistant Director of Kalmia Gardens to talk about Invasive Plant Control, 6:30pm, Refuge Headquarters, light refreshments to be served.

